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GOING AWAY?

When you leave the city for your summer vacation have The Pensacola Journal follow you. Notify circulation manager, Phone 38.

Daily News Says It Will Support Bond Issue?

We are glad to note that our evening contemporary, the Daily News, now avows its friendliness to the proposed bond issue for public improvements which Pensacolians will be called to vote upon next month. In yesterday's issue it says:

The Journal in an editorial today asks if this paper is opposed to the issue of bonds for municipal improvements, and quotes an article from yesterday's News as the cause for the inquiry.

There was nothing in the article quoted that could be distorted into opposition to the issue of bonds on the part of the News. We have always been in favor of bonding the city and still favor it. It was that there might be no hitch in the adoption of the ordinance that we advocated publicity.

When such frivolous affairs as the landing of the carnival king or the suspension of the fireworks ordinance are deemed of sufficient importance to warrant the widest publicity, certainly a matter that to a great extent involves the future prosperity of Pensacola should have at least as much publicity.

The importance of this was suggested to the proper committee and by them to the council, who objected to informing the public any further than had already been done.

Since the establishment of this paper in 1880 it has used its influence in the upbuilding of the city, and not once during that time has its editorial columns been used in wholesale denunciation of its officials and advertising to the world a state of moral leprosy that was said to exist in our midst.

Yes, we are in favor of bonds and trust that the ordinance will be adopted. We are also in favor of the council taking the people into their confidence and letting them know what is being done.

This is all very good and we are glad to see it. Now if the News really means what it says, we trust it will quit kicking. No one else has any complaint about the matter at all.

For the information of our contemporary, however, we may state that the bond ordinance to which it refers has already been adopted. The council voted for it unanimously and the mayor signed it. The bond issue itself will be voted upon by the people next month.

A copy of the Columbus Evening Post, the new daily started in Columbus, Miss., by Edward Fitzgerald and S. A. McBride, formerly of the Bartow Courier-Examiner, has reached The Journal's exchange table. The Post is a fine looking paper, editorially, typographically, and otherwise, and if the people of Columbus know a good thing when they see it they will give this new daily a patronage so liberal that its success will be assured from the start.

A PASSING TERROR IS THE YELLOW FEVER.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal takes the following very sensible view of the yellow fever situation as it has developed in New Orleans:

The source of the yellow fever that has appeared in New Orleans has been traced abroad thus showing what many experts have always contended, namely, that the disease does not originate in this country. The Surgeon-General of the United States a few years ago had a paper in one of the magazines, in which he held that during the century, the yellow fever had appeared in this country nearly every year, and wherever the origin was traceable, it could be traced to Cuba, Brazil or other places of the south of us.

If the fever is alien to the United States, as we may safely assume, the thing to do is to keep it out of this country and to establish such sanitary safeguards that, if it does get in, it will have no opportunity to spread. Yellow fever has appeared in Philadelphia and New York in years gone by; and we believe it has even broken out in Europe. If affected a lodgement in Philadelphia because the sanitary conditions there were favorable to it. The South has learned two valuable

the street sweeping department that the Palafox pavement be sprinkled before it is swept at night. The suggestion is an excellent one and really should have been put into operation long ago. From a sanitary standpoint the present practice of sweeping the street when it is dry, while the dust rises and blows in all directions, is an extremely dangerous one. Public Health demands that the street should be sprinkled before it is swept.

Mr. John G. Wood has returned from a visit to his daughter, Mrs. F. A. Manker, in Indianapolis, Ind., and also WFM RRS TA OI OAT dad where he had most enjoyable time and also Louisville and French Lick Springs, being altogether a very beneficial trip.—Daily News.

If Mr. Wood really did all this he must have had the time of his life. How about it, J. G.?

The Igorrotes and Moros will also give Secretary Taft a warm welcome if they get a good chance.

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM STATE PAPERS.

The State Fair Midway.
The Tribune writes its readers all over Florida to take a hand in the naming of the Midway Pike-Trail, etc., of the Florida State Fair. It will make it to everybody's interest to take part in the christening, by offering a prize of one year's subscription to the Daily Tribune to the person who suggests the name which, in the judgment of a committee of citizens, is deemed to be the most appropriate. Tampa Tribune.

Will Take Good Wind.
Candidates for governor are being groomed already for the next race. It will take good wind to make speed till the bunch comes under the wire.—Monticello News.

West Florida is claiming the privilege of furnishing the next governor of the state, and it is said that the woods are full of gentlemen in that end of the state who have raised their political lightning rods.—Braidenton Journal.

Seconds the Nomination.
We see by the state press that Editor Setzer of the Hornet is to be entered in the next gubernatorial race. We rise to second the nomination.—Gainesville Star.

Stevens vs. Lamar.
News comes from the western part of the state that Hon. Jefferson D. Stephens, a member of the last legislature from Jackson county, will run for congress against the Hon. W. B. Lamar.—Starkie Telegraph.

Ellis Will Also Run.
It is the opinion of some that at the opportune moment Hon. W. H. Ellis of Gadsden will enter the race for the 1908 gubernatorial sweepstakes. Mr. Ellis displayed his sprinting proclivities in the campaign of last year.—Palatka Times-Herald.

An Unworthy Imputation.
They do say that politics was the trump card in the university deal and that a promise of support for governor given one of the board of control was the card that turned the trick.—Madison New Enterprise.

Diving Suits Needed.
If this stealing of bicycles is not soon checked, Jacksonville will have to equip her policemen with diving suits, so they can fish the frames out of Hogan's Creek.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

The Next Campaign.
There is one thing that the people won't have to do in the next campaign, and that is they won't have to "urge" gubernatorial candidates into the race. There is, however, one difficulty that

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June 2	4,450	June 17	4,450
June 3	4,450	June 18	4,700
June 4	4,700	June 19
June 5	June 20	4,450
June 6	4,500	June 21	4,450
June 7	5,000	June 22	4,450
June 8	4,450	June 23	4,450
June 9	4,450	June 24	4,700
June 10	4,450	June 25	4,800
June 11	4,700	June 26
June 12	June 27	4,450
June 13	4,450	June 28	4,450
June 14	4,450	June 29	4,450
June 15	4,450	June 30	4,450

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I hereby certify that the above statement is correct according to the records on file in this office.

H. R. SMITH, Circulation Mgr.

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J. P. STOKES, Notary Public.

will be hard to overcome, which is the arrangement of a different "platform" for each aspirant. Some, of course, will choose the "Buckman route," while others will try the "East Coast Canal route," still there won't be enough routes for them all to run on. Perhaps the "Dead River route" will be the most popular of all after the din of the battle is over.—Orlando Star.

Praise for Judge Gordon.
We put our hats in reverence to Judge Horace C. Gordon of Tampa, who promptly ruled that there could be no plea in his court of "self-defense" in a case of the assassin of home and character, inflicting a murderous assault upon the dupe of a husband.—Jacksonville Floridian.

The Panama Situation.
"We don't die as fast as the French did, but then our digging also is below par," constitutes the information, a New York contemporary has of the Panama situation. It is forgotten that there is not his "luck" to be the presiding genius of the canal as the Mikado and the czar watch over the eastern unpleasantness? Would a Japanese gleam at hardships permitted by the Mikado? Would a Russian groan over a defeat his czar "permitted"? And shall not Americans be "loyal" as these? Let the kicks be censored.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

They Didn't Have Time.
A short time ago some men were engaged in putting up telegraph poles on some land belonging to an old farmer who disliked seeing his wheat trampled down, according to the various Register of Great Bend, Kan. The men produced a paper by which they said they had leave to put the poles where they pleased. The old farmer went back and turned a large bull in the field. The savage beast made after the men, and the old farmer, seeing them running from the field, shouted at the top of his voice: "Show him the paper! Show him the paper!"

Subtraction.
A teacher in a western public school was giving her class the first lesson in subtraction. "Now, in order to subtract," she explained, "things have to be always of the same denomination. For instance, we couldn't take three apples from four pears or six horses from nine dogs."

A hand went up in the back part of the room.
"Teacher," shouted a small boy, "can't you take four quarts of milk from three cows?"—Harper's Weekly.

With the Ring on It.
Gracey—Edythe is pretty foxy. She won't say anything about her love affairs, but I have an idea that she has finally accepted young Saphleg. Gladys—In that case she is apt to soon show her hand.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Bank Directors Should Assume the Responsibility of Management

By WILLIAM BARRETT RIDGELY, Comptroller of the Currency

THE ruin of a bank is practically always the result of fraud or the use of its funds in undue and unlawful amount by ITS OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS. This money is sometimes lost in legitimate enterprises, through bad judgment and mismanagement, but far the most frequent cause for actual stealing or defalcations in banks is speculation. IT IS SPECULATION, WHICH IS THE CURSE OF THE DAY, which tempts so many men beyond their endurance. In the last few years, eight or ten at the most, it has become much more common. Where it was formerly confined to a few large cities it now extends to almost every little country town, tempting and corrupting all whom it touches and bringing with it ruin and sorrow and disgrace.

There is probably not a man who does not know personally some good man who has become involved by it, some man who had had the highest reputation, perhaps justly earned by an honorable and blameless life and a business career of unswerving rectitude, who has been tempted into the use of other people's money TO SAVE HIMSELF. No one knows until he tries it how great that temptation is or can be sure he can resist it. The only safe way is to avoid it. No man who assumes the responsibility of the custody of funds belonging to others should take the risk of subjecting himself to this temptation or allow others with whom he divides such a trust to do so. We have entirely too much of the bankers using their banks for their PRIVATE gain.

I want to say a few words about the duties and responsibilities of bank directors, those duties which are so plain IN THEORY and are so often badly neglected in practice. In many cases of failure the directors are as much surprised as any one, simply because they have not exercised their rights and performed their duties AS THEY HAVE SWORN TO DO. In such cases they are more to blame than any one. If all boards of bank directors would do their FULL duty, bank failures would almost come to an end. We would very seldom have such sudden and sensational failures of banks, looted from the inside by men who have stood high in their communities and thought to be models of honesty and trustworthiness.

The point I wish to emphasize is that the responsibility for bank management is by law placed UPON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. By accepting a place on a bank board and taking the oath of office a man accepts this responsibility and swears he will diligently and honestly administer the affairs of the association.

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